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MS. BULLETTTS: My name is Gloria Bulletts Benson, B-u-l-l-e-t-t-s, and I am here representing the Paiute Tribe of Utah. The Paiute Tribe of Utah consists of five bands, Koosharem, K-o-o-s-h-a-r-e-m, Band, the Konosh, K-o-n-o-s-h, Band, the Indian Peaks Band, spelled just the way it sounds, the Cedar Band, and the Shivwits, S-h-i-v-w-i-t-s, band.

- 1 [The land that the Yucca Mountain Project is on is land that the Southern Paiute people hold dear, not just the Southern Paiute, but our other tribes that are represented here at the table as well. The Paiute Tribe of Utah has been opposed to the Yucca Mountain Project probably from its inception, whatever.]

And that our tribe has just had new elections and so I want to put the welcome mat out to the staff to please come to the Paiute Tribe of Utah's next council meeting or make the effort to get on the agenda and spend some time in reeducating our new council. We have about three different council members that need to be brought up to speed.

- 2 [The tribe thinks as seriously and as probably as passionately as Calvin does with regards to the government-to-government relationship that the Department of Energy needs to comply with. In meeting with based on the materials and the discussions with the local towns, the communities surrounding us and the tribes are requested, that they be treated at that same level, that they need to work with us hand in hand like they are with the other local communities. ]

- 3 We support the same concerns that were raised by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Meyers. [And in regards to transportation the 90-day time extension, funding availability for the tribes and that we're also because I have had the chance to review the wind solar generation project, the report that was sent out to the tribe, I believe I got mine about a week or so ago, that just thumbing through it on review, just looking at that time without even reading it, you could see there's a lot of material in there that -- documentation that there needs to be further studies done on that area if they are going to consider it.]

- 4 [I would say that based on the material I saw that there should not be such a project in that area, that we need to do whatever we can even if it's flinging our bodies in front of something to protect those rock sites. The area is just amazingly full of culturally significant items. And I believe that's all I have.